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In RE Application of:

Applicant: Doyle et al

Examiner: Mendez, M.

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For: Wound Irrigation and Debriding System

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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Applicants Jacquelyne Doyle & Kenneth Short personally interviewed with Examiner Manuel Mendez on February 26, 2003. Examiner personally provided Applicants on that date with a copy of Examiner's Interview Summary Record.

Applicants have reviewed Examiner's Summary and agree with Examiner's description of the recommendations provided by Examiner to Applicants to overcome the Hussey reference, i.e.,

1. Full description of distal tip describing the angle and length of the tapered and non-tapered sections;
2. The size of the various parts of Applicants' device;
3. Provide a Statement of Long-Felt Need; and
4. Provide a "wherein clause" in claims describing the functional applicability of the device in accordance with the structural limitations.

In the course of the interview, Applicants described their single-piece wound irrigation and debriding system and discussed why it was an inventive advance over the existing multiple-piece system, e.g., substantially more sterile than the existing system which, because of its multi parts must be assembled on site and is prone to

contamination; is safer; much more time-efficient to prepare; and easier and quicker to use by the doctor or nurse, all of which benefits are important, especially in emergency situations. Applicants also discussed other benefits, including its ability to be disposed of, after use, in any waste disposal system as opposed to a Sharps Biohazard Waste Container; lessening of stress on the doctor or nurse applying the system; reducing patient anxiety and discomfort; and cost savings to the hospital or other medical facility.

No exhibit was shown, nor demonstrations conducted.

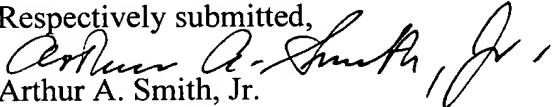
Claim 1, the only independent claim pending, was the only claim discussed.

The discussion related to overcoming the Hussey reference.

Although no agreement was reached at the interview, Examiner's recommendations were helpful in understanding how to overcome the Hussey reference.

Based on the interview, Applicants are submitting a revised claim 1, a fuller description of the device and distal tip, to overcome the Hussey reference, along with a Statement of Long-Felt Need.

Respectively submitted,



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